

Shultz defends U.S. Gulf policy

WASHINGTON (R) — Secretary of State George Shultz on Sunday defended the U.S. plan to protect Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf and said the programme would begin next month despite congressional pressure for a delay. "I think it's the sensible thing to do," Mr. Shultz said of the plan to naval forces for protection against "attack, primarily expected from Iran." Asked during an interview on NBC television if he would oppose a delay in the plan, Mr. Shultz said: "Absolutely. I think it would be a very bad thing to do from the standpoint of the United States." He said it would be disastrous if the United States allowed itself to be pushed out of the Gulf, leaving the Soviet Union "astride the supplies of oil to the free world." Mr. Shultz said there was still no precise date for the U.S. protection of the Kuwaiti ships to begin. "It will be some time in the next month, maybe in the first half of the next month," he said. "We want to do it when we have the presence that is considered by our naval officers to be adequate to do the job, and we're assembling that," Mr. Shultz said.

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Raimond begins visit on July 5

AMMAN (J.T.) — French Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond is expected to begin an official three-day visit to Jordan on July 5, according to a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. Mr. Raimond, who will be accompanied by his wife, is expected to hold talks with senior Jordanian officials on the latest developments in the region and means to boost bilateral relations.

Mauritania said to have cut Iran ties

PARIS (R) — Mauritania is severing diplomatic relations with Iran, Radio France Internationale said Sunday. The foreign-broadcasting arm of French state radio quoted the Mauritanian government as saying Tehran's obstinate refusal of any negotiations in its conflict with Iraq threatened the stability of all countries in the region. Mauritanian diplomats in Paris were unavailable for comment.

McGovern: U.S.-Iran war is unlikely

BAHRAIN (R) — Former U.S. presidential candidate George McGovern said Sunday the United States was taking risks by sending more warships to the Gulf but thought a naval conflict with Iran unlikely. The former Democratic senator said he had no doubt the United States would win any sea war with Iran, but added: "I don't think we are headed for a war." Iran has threatened to confront U.S. military presence in the Gulf, saying security of the waterway was the responsibility of the littoral states. Mr. McGovern and former U.S. Republican Senator Charles Percy are heading a delegation from the Washington-based American-Arab Affairs Council, which earlier visited Jordan and will also go to Egypt.

Papandreou threatens to scrap bases talks

ATHENS (AP) — Premier Andreas Papandreou on Sunday threatened to cancel upcoming talks for a new American military bases agreement if the United States does not withdraw a charge that his government negotiated with terrorist organizations. Mr. Papandreou told reporters aboard his plane that he would shut down the four U.S. bases in Greece next year if no retraction is made. "There will be no bases talks and the bases will close in 1988 if the United States doesn't withdraw fully, officially and publicly these false and groundless accusations against our country," the premier said (See earlier story on page 2).

Velaiyati to visit Vienna next week

NICOSIA (AP) — Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velaiyati will visit Vienna next week for talks with Austrian officials on expanding bilateral relations, Iran's official news agency reported Saturday. The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Mr. Velaiyati begins his talks in Vienna on Monday. He will be leading a delegation to the three-day official talks during which he will meet high-ranking Austrian officials. IRNA said.

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Qadhafi visiting Algeria

ALGIERS (AP) — Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Qadhafi arrived in Algiers for a visit Sunday, less than two weeks after Libya called for a political merger between the two countries. Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, who greeted Col. Qadhafi on his arrival at the airport, immediately met with him at his Algiers residence, according to Algerian government sources. They said only that the discussions were of a political nature. Plans for Col. Qadhafi's visit were unannounced by Algerian officials, and it was not known how long he would stay. The official APS news agency gave a brief account of Col. Qadhafi's arrival in the beginning of the afternoon, saying he was accompanied by an important delegation. It was the third meeting in the past 18 months for the two leaders, who last met in December 1986, in Syria. Libya's visit comes one week before Algeria is to celebrate its 25th anniversary of independence from France on July 5. Libya's number two leader, Major Abdul Salam Jalloud, ended a three-day official visit to Algeria on June 18 with a call for a full political merger. It was not immediately known whether Col. Qadhafi's visit was related to the Libyan unity proposal.

Arab farmer killed and six wounded in W. Bank land dispute

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A Palestinian farmer was shot dead and six people, including an Israeli soldier, were wounded Sunday when a fight over land broke out at a village in the occupied West Bank.

Israel Radio said the dispute was between Israeli land surveyors and Palestinians enraged by Israel's confiscation of Arab lands in the occupied territories.

The shooting occurred at the village of Abu Diyeb just east of Bethlehem, eight kilometres south of Jerusalem.

The Israeli military commander of the area, named only as Colonel D., told reporters he believed the shooting began when several hundred Arab farmers began to stone an Israeli surveying party.

Two Palestinian lawyers who saw the clash told Reuters there was no stone-throwing and the shooting was unprovoked. They identified the dead man as Al Mahmud Atiyeh, 45, a father of 10.

"You will see, the farmers will

the border police," Mr. Odeh said.

Another Palestinian lawyer, Abed Assali, said the dead man was hit in the groin while standing to the side on a patch of land he owned and was not involved in the dispute.

According to the two Palestinian lawyers and village residents, the land to be surveyed had been sold fraudulently to a private Israeli firm for the construction of a new settlement to be called Ramat Kidron.

The lawyers said two of four men wounded at the scene were relatives of the dead farmer — his brother Kayed Mahmoud Atiyeh, 45, and cousin Ata Atiyeh, 35.

The two others were Riad Ahmad Al Khalifeh, 20, and Yousef Hussein Djadounah, 40.

Police stopped newsmen from interviewing them at a local hospital.

The lawyers said two other wounded men, Idriss Ahmad Al Asqa, 45, and Ata Siemanna Hassan 25, were shot later at a petrol station by a brother of the Arab land dealer. There was a pool of blood next to the petrol pump.

When tempers flared, he said, the Palestinian land dealer pulled out a pistol and opened fire, followed by the Jewish dealer, whose firm is reported by the Israeli press to be connected to the right-wing Likud bloc of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"Right away, five young civilian security guards opened fire followed by several members of

Iraq reaffirms total support for Kuwait against Iranian threats

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — President Saddam Hussein of Iraq on Sunday reaffirmed his country's total support for Kuwait in confronting Iranian threats during a meeting with a visiting Kuwaiti official, Baghdad Radio reported.

Iraq has accused Kuwait of bias towards Iraq and in recent months has attacked commercial vessels and oil tankers sailing to and from Kuwait in the Gulf. Two such attacks were carried out on Saturday (See page 2).

Bahrain Radio said President Hussein received a message from Kuwaiti ruler Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah dealing with their security and national interests.

In Kuwait, a senior government official said Kuwait had the full support of Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab allies.

Cabinet spokesman Abdal

Aziz Al Otaibi, quoted by the Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA), said Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah told the cabinet he had found "complete support ... at this delicate phase" during visits to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states.

Kuwait has announced it would send envoys to 20 Arab and Islamic countries to warn about growing dangers in the Gulf region. Mr. Otaibi has already visited Syria and Jordan where he delivered similar letters to their leaders.

Meanwhile, the commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards navy warned America of "a bitter

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Explosion kills 3 U.S. soldiers and wounds 30 in W. Germany

HOHENFELS, West Germany (Agencies) — An explosion during a demolition exercise at a U.S. army training ground Sunday killed three American soldiers and injured up to 30 others, West German and U.S. military authorities said.

A statement issued by the army's Fifth Corps in Frankfurt said three soldiers were killed and "approximately a dozen" others remained hospitalized, but did not say how many servicemen were actually injured in the blast.

West German police said up to 30 soldiers were injured.

"A training accident occurred at approximately 10 a.m. this morning at Hohenfels training area involving Fifth corps soldiers undergoing routine demolition training," the army statement said.

The accident occurred within a large training area, about 60 kilometres northeast of Nuremberg. The training ground spreads over 200 square kilometres.

A Regensburg police official said the explosion apparently took place during a training exercise with dynamite.

Police said they were alerted to the accident by residents who live near the training ground.

The residents reported hearing a loud explosion and saw ambulances and helicopters rush to the scene, according to police.

The Bavarian state police official said the accident did not involve "a chemical or a nuclear explosion" and said there was no danger to the local population.

Kohl to raise Mideast conference at EC summit

LUDWIGSHAFEN, West Germany (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said Sunday he would call for a Middle East peace conference at a European Community (EC) summit beginning on Monday in Brussels.

Dr. Kohl told reporters after meeting Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that he "would support anything that would contribute to peace in the Middle East."

Speaking outside his home in the Rhine city of Ludwigshafen, where the informal talks took place, Dr. Kohl said the conference should not come to an end without a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict.

Both leaders said the Soviet Union could play an important part in finding a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict.

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Signs grow of political settlement in S. Korea

SEOUL (Agencies) — The political opposition indicated Sunday it may accept a government plea to resume talks on ending massive political protests if President Chun Doo-Hwan makes key concessions.

Opposition officials said the government's call for talks on a political solution to end the nation-wide unrest was being considered. Top dissident leaders Kim Young-Sam and Kim Dae-Jung were to meet Monday.

No clashes were reported in Seoul on Sunday for the first time since the opposition launched a drive June 10 aimed at ousting Mr. Chun and forcing democratic elections. Reports indicated the rest of the country was also largely quiet.

Security forces remained on alert, and riot police stood guard at key intersections in the capital. Strollers took to the streets to enjoy the warm, sunny weather.

Opposition forces have said it

Their Majesties tour Istanbul

ISTANBUL (Agencies) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor spent Sunday, the third day of their current official visit to Turkey, by touring ancient sites in Istanbul.

The King and Queen arrived here early Sunday after concluding a visit to Ankara during which they were hosted by President Kenan Evren. The King and a high-level delegation accompanying him, which includes Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court

Chief Marwan Al Oasem, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Foreign Minister Tamer Al Masri, held talks on Middle East issues and bilateral ties with President Evren, Prime Minister Turgut Ozal and other senior officials.

The King and Queen were received upon their arrival in Istanbul by the city's mayor and senior officials. Later, they began a tour

of the city's famous sites. They were accompanied by Turkish Foreign Minister Vahid Halefoglu and senior officials.

The King and Queen and the delegation accompanying them visited the Sultan Ahmed Mosque and its museum. They also visited the Topkapi Palace where the national Turkish folklore troupe staged a performance in their honour.

The Turkish information media highlighted the King's visit to the cause of peace.

Turkey and expressed hope that it would contribute positively to Jordanian-Turkish relations. Most newspapers carried analysis of relations between the two countries and described the level of bilateral cooperation as strong and positive. They paid tribute to Jordan's distinguished role in the Middle East and its efforts for peace in the region, and praised the King's endeavours in the international and regional scenes in the cause of peace.

Israeli scheme to pump West Bank water threatens Arab towns and villages

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The Israeli occupation authorities confirmed on Sunday that they plan to pump water from the occupied West Bank to Israel and Bethlehem. Mayor Elias Freij denounced the move as aimed at "drying up all the existing water wells in our region."

Israeli officials, confirming a report in Sunday's Jerusalem Post, said they were awaiting defence ministry approval for the plan to start pumping up to 18 million cubic metres a year from a site near Herodion, near Bethlehem.

The sources, as quoted by the Post, gave the following details of the project:

According to the report in the Jerusalem Post, most of the water would go to Jerusalem and Jewish settlements in the West Bank and only a small quantity would be given to Palestinian towns.

Mr. Freij was quoted as saying by Reuter that the Israeli plan would "leave the Bethlehem region, which is on the borders of the desert, waterless and dry."

Mr. Freij and other Palestinian mayors in the West Bank planned an emergency meeting on Monday to discuss the issue.

Under the contract terms,

Reagan seen as recognising Syria's key role

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's overture to Syria was seen by diplomats on Sunday as recognizing its key role in the Middle East peace process and aimed at limiting Soviet influence.

"Washington is fully aware now there will be no peace in the Middle East without Syria," said one diplomat quoted by Reuter.

"What Reagan wants at this stage is to ensure Syria will not go all the way with the Soviet Union in the peace process and give the Kremlin a stronger hand."

The White House said by several Beirut newspapers Sunday as Syria deplored a demand by Lebanon's main Falangist militia for setting up a "government of independence" in the Christian heartland.

"This is tantamount to a partition of Lebanon," said a commentary broadcast by Damascus Radio and distributed by its official news agency. "It will lead to collective suicide."

The separate trades marked a resurgence of a political crisis over Mr. Karim's June 1 assassination that threatens to rekindle Lebanon's dormant civil war. The crisis was overshadowed in the past 10 days by the kidnapping of American journalist Charles Glass.

"If only one bullet is left in our guns, we will be fired to avenge Rashid Karim and kill Amin Gemayel," Mr. Junblatt said in a speech at the Upper Metn Druze village of Qobbe Saturday.

"If the United States and Israel

Junblatt launches broadside salvo against Gemayel and rightist militia

BEIRUT (AP) — Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Junblatt has accused Falangist President Amin Gemayel of murdering Prime Minister Rashid Karim in collaboration with the United States and Israel, and vowed "I shall cut off their necks."

His diatribe was published by several Beirut newspapers Sunday as Syria deplored a demand by Lebanon's main Falangist militia for setting up a "government of independence" in the Christian heartland.

Mr. Junblatt spoke on the fifth anniversary of Israel's withdrawal from central Lebanon in 1983, which triggered a PSP onslaught that drove Israeli-backed militia from the Shouf and Upper Metn mountains.

"I shall rebuild your houses from the remains of Bekfaya," Mr. Junblatt told Qobbe soldiers whose homes were destroyed in the 1983 PSP fighting with the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia.

Bekfaya is Mr. Gemayel's hometown about 12 kilometres north of Qobbe.

It was Mr. Junblatt's harshest public attack on Mr. Gemayel, a Maronite Catholic, and the Lebanese Forces, the Christians' main militia.

"Will Lebanon's nationalists allow those Israeli surrogates embark upon this dangerous adventure? Will they allow this fragment of the Lebanese lead the nation to a collective suicide?" the radio commentator said.

The Al Shams newspaper said Sunday Mr. Gemayel has renounced the Lebanese Forces call for the new government.

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Damaged Norwegian tanker towed to Dubai

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The giant Norwegian tanker *Mia Margrethe*, crippled with three missiles fired by an Iranian gunboat, was towed to Bahrain Sunday enroute to Dubai to transfer its load of 100,000 tonnes of crude oil, maritime shipping agents reported.

Its first engineer, 28-year-old Storesand Egil of Burgan, Norway, was moved by a Saudi Arabian navy helicopter to the Jihail hospital Saturday for treatment of severe burns.

The 122,445-tonne *Mia Margrethe* and the 273,616-tonne Swedish-operated supertanker *Stena Concordia* were attacked early Saturday by the Iranians at locations 20 miles and 55 minutes apart off the Saudi coast.

The raids apparently were in retaliation for Iraqi attacks on two vessels in Iranian shipping lanes over the past week.

Both belligerents have raided foreign shipping during their 6½-year-old war. The United States said Friday it would send the battleship *Missouri* and three escorts into the Gulf next month to reinforce six U.S. warships now on patrol.

Engineer Egil of the 21-member Norwegian crew of the *Mia Margrethe* was "100 per cent out of danger and very much alive at the Juhail Hospital," said one shipping officer at the Ras Tanura-based Babbar Shipping Company, agents for the *Mia Margrethe*.

Egil is to be moved to a Riyadh hospital for treatment of burns in his face, hands, left ear and back, he said.

Three other crewmen with "minor injuries and a slight shock" were in good shape, said the officer who requested anonymity.

The officer said the Iranian

gunboats fired three small missiles straight into the *Mia Margrethe's* engine room and "Egil was trapped in the fire that broke out."

The tanker was about 100 kilometres east of Saudi Arabia and about 192 kilometres south of Kuwait's Al Ahmadi oil loading terminal at the time of the attack.

The *Mia Margrethe* captain, Osses Sverre of Aalesund, Norway, and his crewmen "risked their lives to pull Egil out of the inferno," said the officer. The Barber Shipping chief Kari Bjastad and his assistant C. Najib contacted the Saudi coastguard, navy and passing commercial vessels to help out the *Mia Margrethe*.

"The Saudis quickly rushed the tugboat *Tamara 5* and a navy helicopter to aid the *Mia Margrethe*," he said. "The *Tamara* is fully equipped to serve as a first-aid floating station and, with three doctors aboard, help came promptly to the injured seamen."

Tamara 5 is chartered by the Saudi navy from Monte Carlo. Capt. Sverre and his crew, aided by Saudi vessels, battled the blaze in the engine room and managed to extinguish it.

Despite the deadly attack on the *Stark*, the United States considered the *Mia Margrethe* as the greater menace to Gulf commercial navigation.

Iraq has been raiding ships mainly in a 70-mile radius around Iran's Kharg Island or terminal at the northern head of the Gulf. Iran attacks commercial shipping south of the Iraqi-declared war zone and concentrates on Kuwaiti shipping lines.

The *Mia Margrethe* will probably be more than 300

attacks by Iran and Iraq on merchant shipping in the Gulf since May 1981, including ships wrecked by mines, in which about 200 people have been killed.

The latest Iraqi raids ended a 34-day missile attack that killed 37 American sailors aboard the USS *Stark*. Iraq apologized for the accidental attack and said the *Stark* was mistaken for an Iranian warship.

Most of its original crew are still aboard, although the captain at the time of the Iraqi attack, Captain Glenn Brindel, 43, and two of his senior officers have been relieved of their posts. Capt. Brindel has already returned to the United States.

A repair ship, the destroyer *Tender Acadia*, was moored alongside the *Stark* for several weeks while its crew carried out emergency repairs to the frigate's electrical, and navigation systems.

Bahrain ship repairmen worked with them to patch up a hole near the bridge and the *Stark* will undergo further repairs when it reaches its home port of Mayport, Florida, in several weeks' time.

Iranian envoy indicted in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A military prosecutor has accused an Iranian consulate official of working against Turkey's secular system, according to an indictment obtained by the Associated Press.

The indictment, prepared by Prosecutor Ulku Coskun, identified the official as Habibullah Shahkhanli-Rashti, who served as a deputy consul in Iran's consulate in the "US eastern" city of Erzurum.

"The statement that the AWACS (airborne surveillance) planes deployed in Saudi Arabia will intensify their information-collecting activities and patrols in the Persian Gulf, the statement on the rearing of a hospital in Saudi Arabia by the USA, as well as the placing of bases in other parts of the region at their disposal, are announcements of U.S. intervention in the Persian Gulf and a declaration of war with the Islamic Republic of Iran."

The radio quoted Alai as saying during a military ceremony that plans by the superpowers to escort ships in the Gulf were a pretext to enter the region, and could not guarantee the security of the area.

Fadlallah speaks against 'kidnapping of innocents'

BEIRUT (R) — A top Shi'ite Muslim cleric has spoken out against kidnappings but stopped short of a public call for the release of abducted U.S. newspaperman Charles Glass.

Sayyed Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah was reported in Lebanese papers Sunday as saying: "We have frequently said we are against the act of kidnapping an innocent person — foreign or otherwise, Christian or

Muslim."

Fadlallah is a spiritual mentor of pro-Iranian Shi'ite militants, suspected of holding some of the 29 foreigners missing and believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

Gummen believed to be Shi'ite militants seized Glass on June 17 with Ali Osseiran, the son of Lebanon's defence minister, and a police driver. The two Lebanese were released on June 24.

Nicaraguan team in Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A high-ranking Nicaraguan delegation headed by Carlos Nunes Tellez, president of the Nicaraguan Council of State, arrived in Tehran Sunday for talks with Iranian leaders, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported.

The agency, monitored in

Stark ready for voyage home

By Philip Shehadi
Reuter

BAGHDAD — Young men breakdance to disco hits, families picnic on the grass and couples stroll by a lake in Baghdad's central park. Few notice the anti-aircraft gun rising from a mound of earth nearby.

The Iraqi capital has an onward air of normality despite nearly seven years of war. Few soldiers are seen on the streets other than those guarding key government buildings.

The war lurks just beneath the surface — in a widow's grief, a family's shrinking income, a young man's dashed hopes.

Almost every family has lost a father, son or relative in the war against Iran — a war with casualties running into hundreds of thousands on both sides.

"This has turned into a protracted war," said Ihsan Al Hasan, a professor of sociology at the University of Baghdad. "We have to have a normal life in the towns and the fighting has to be restricted to the border."

Diversion is plenty in Baghdad, a city of four million people some 120 kilometres from the

battlefields. One foreign resident calls it "the city of 1001 night clubs."

In sharp contrast to the religious austerity of Iran, secular Iraq has a flourishing entertainment sector. Bars, restaurants and nightclubs line Abu Nawas Street along the Tigris River or downtown Saadoun Street.

On Fridays, the Muslim weekend, families flock to the zoo, men to the casino or horse racing track, the young to cinemas and discotheques.

The nightly war communiqué is read on the television news.

Checkpoints are sometimes set up to look draft dodgers. Volunteers from the ruling Baath Party go from house to house seeking donations for the war effort.

But direct signs of the war are few and far between — an amputee in the street or black flag on a mourner's home.

Debris from Iranian missile strikes earlier this year was quickly cleared. Tape across some cracked windows is the only reminder of the devastating "war of the cities" — months of tit-for-tat strikes on civilian targets.

Young Iraqis put on a brave face when asked about the war.

It is a national duty, we have no choice but to fight," said 18-year-old Assam, strolling with friends in the Al Zawra Park. He was to start military training the next day.

Hazeen, a secondary school student, hoped to postpone his induction by studying electrical engineering at an institute. Students receive training in the summer but are exempt from full service.

"I would have liked to travel abroad, but now there is the war," he said.

Many Iraqis say the war is one of survival, a defence of both land and secular government.

The government has taken pains to lessen the war's economic and social effects by maintaining subsidies on basic commodities and granting gifts to decorated soldiers and the families of "martyrs" — usually one of the thousands of Volkswagen Passat or Toyota Crown cars seen on Iraqi roads.

Residents report chronic shortages of such items as paper goods, coffee beans and electrical appliances, particularly affecting the middle-class consumer.

One of the social side-effects of the war is greater status for women, who have taken over many civilian jobs from men who have had to go off and fight.

Greece denies contacts with guerrilla groups

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The government has denied a U.S. charge that Greek officials had negotiated with guerrilla organizations to ensure that no attacks would be staged in Greece.

Government spokesman Yiannis Roubatis said the allegations were made by U.S. Ambassador Robert Keeley in a meeting Thursday with Foreign Minister Carolos Papoulias.

"The ambassador's assertions were categorically rejected by the foreign minister, who called them ridiculous, groundless, slanderous and suspect," Mr. Roubatis said. He said the Greek government has demanded that the allegations be withdrawn.

No U.S. embassy spokesman was immediately available for comment. Embassy officials on Friday declined comment on the Keeley-Papoulias meeting.

Premier Andreas Papandreou's Socialist government, which was sharply criticised by the United States in 1985 for laxity toward guerrillas, supports measures to combat terrorism, "which it sees as a threat to the fabric of international relations," Mr. Roubatis said.

He also denied as "completely inaccurate" a report in an Athens newspaper that Palestinian leader Abu Nidal met with Abu Nidal's Palestinian supporters group has claimed responsibility for more than 100 attacks across Europe, Asia and the Middle East, including the 1985 air raid on Rome and Vienna in which 16 people died.

The United States in the same period has condemned "Greece's reluctance to deal severely with guerrilla attacks." In 1985, a State Department travel advisory warned Americans to steer clear of Athens airport after a TWA jetliner was hijacked by gunmen who boarded there.

Nicolas, said Mr. Tellez's visit was at the invitation of Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Mr. Tellez was quoted as saying at Tehran airport that the purpose of the visit was to strengthen relations between Iran and Nicaragua.

Israel sets standard university tuition fee

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — The Israeli cabinet set a standard tuition fee for university students Sunday, reversing an earlier decision — condemned as racist — to charge Israeli Arabs higher fees than Jews who serve in the army.

Education Minister official Rina Naaman told Reuters the fee would be set at \$1,350. Under a proposal accepted last month, former soldiers would have paid \$1,050 and other students \$500 more.

Arabs, who make up 3,500 of the 60,000 students at government universities, boycotted classes and university presidents said they would refuse to charge Arab students more than Jews.

Israeli aircraft workers jeer ministers over Lavi

TEL AVIV (R) — Aircraft industry workers greeted cabinet minister with jeers and catcalls Sunday as the government resumed debating the fate of Israel's expensive home-made Lavi fighter plane.

The aircraft, designed to give the Israeli air force an advanced fighter for the 1990s, has become the centre of fierce controversy.

An official report attacked the project for being approved without proper study. A cabinet decision is expected later this week.

Five thousand aircraft workers travelled from their plant at Ben Gurion Airport to Jerusalem, posting pickets at regular intervals along the 50 kilometre highway. In Jerusalem they demonstrated outside the prime minister's office where the government continued its debate on the plane's future.

A growing number of ministers are in favour of dropping the project.

WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS

* An art exhibition by Omar Basoud at the Housing Bank Centre's gallery (until July 18).

* A Fine Arts exhibition by Abdallah Mansour at the Royal Cultural Centre (until July 3).

FRENCH MUSIC

* "Posters on French song and non-stop video concerts at the French Cultural Centre (until July 1).

VIDEOS

* "The Graduate" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

* "Julien Clerc" at 4:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Chief-of-Staff visits Iraq

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Armed Forces Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant General Fathi Abu-Talib visited the Iraqi Defence Ministry Sunday where he was received by his Iraqi counterpart, Lt.-Gen. Abu Talib and his accompanying military delegation were briefed by the Iraqi army chief-of-staff on the war with Iran. The briefing was attended by Jordan's ambassador in Baghdad, Helmi Al-Lawie.

Mufti to address press circle

AMMAN (J.T.) — Director General of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation, Mrs. Inam Al-Mufti, will be the guest speaker at the weekly press circle at the Intercontinental Hotel today. Mrs. Mufti will speak about the foundations challenges and prospects at the press session organised by the Press and Publication Department.

Man gets life for drug dealing

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Jamal Mohammad Naser Qasem to life imprisonment with hard labour and fined him JD 5,000 for dealing in drugs. The general military governor endorsed the sentence.

Insulation guidebook to be discussed

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA) and the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) today leaves for Kuwait to discuss with officials at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research the final report on a draft guidebook for thermal insulation in Jordan. The guidebook, prepared and financed by the institute, provides guidelines for choosing insulation materials which suit building style and weather in Jordan.

Reagan seen recognising Syrian role

(Continued from page 1) plot to blow up an Israeli airliner flying from London.

A White House spokesman said U.S. officials had seen enough changes in Syria's attitude to suggest a dialogue might be productive, and he cited Syrian help "in terrorist activities."

The spokesman was apparently referring to Syrian efforts to free foreign hostages kidnapped in neighbouring Lebanon and its closure of the Damascus office of the Abu Nidal Palestinian guerrilla group.

Syria has already helped in the release of three Americans hostages and has been pressing militants to free U.S. journalist Charles Glass, abducted by gunmen on June 17.

"Syria will continue to press for the release of Glass and is exercising military and administrative pressure on all levels for this purpose," a senior Syrian official said.

Syria's state radio denounced the kidnapping of diplomats and journalists. Some 29 foreigners, including 10 Americans, are believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

One diplomat said Mr. Reagan's overture "should be taken as recognition of Syria's influence and central role in the Middle East... and could also be

Iraq reaffirms total support for Kuwait

(Continued from page 1) and unforgettable lesson" if it intervened in the Gulf, as naval Sunday carried out military manoeuvres in the strategic waterway in a show of force.

Iranian Prime Minister Hussein Musavi, government ministers and military commanders embarked Sunday on the destroyer Al Borz to review a flotilla of warships blasting their guns in the final stage of war games aimed at boosting combat readiness in the Gulf, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The war games, which began last Tuesday near the strategic Strait of Hormuz, came amid heightened tension in the Gulf as the United States pushed forward with a plan to reflag 11 Kuwaiti tankers under the U.S. banner to enable them the protective escort of the U.S. navy against possible Iranian attacks.

Kuwait also has rented three Soviet tankers, which automatically gives the vessels the protection of Soviet warships.



Public Security Department Assistant Director for Operations and Planning Maj.-Gen. Issa Omari Sunday congratulates one of the two citizens who cooperated with the police for apprehending a wanted man (Petra photo)

PSD honours good citizens

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Department (PSD) honoured two Jordanians, Sunday for their cooperation with the police that led to the apprehension of their honourable act.

An announcement said that Samir Abu Baker and Samir Muhammed were received by PSD

Assistant Director for Operations and Planning Maj.-Gen. Issa Omari, who paid tribute to the citizens for their honourable act.

Maj.-Gen. Omari said that good citizens' efforts help police preserve the country's peace and

Hamzeh opens health centre in Aqaba

AQABA (Petra) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh has opened an integrated health centre in Aqaba district. The centre, which is called Rahme Health Centre, has cost JD 150,000 according to Health Ministry sources. The centre will provide medical services to the inhabitants of Wadi Araha, the stretch of territory extending from the southern part of the Dead Sea and Aqaba. Following the opening ceremony the minister inspected Al Rishieh health centre and Aqaba Health Department and heard from officials about the

need to improve medical services in the region.

The Health Ministry has announced that it is building 10 integrated health centres in the governorates of Amman and Irbid at the cost of JD 1.5 million.

The health centres, the announcement said, are needed to promote primary health care services in the Kingdom.

According to the announcement, a number of tenders will soon be announced for building the health centres in other governorates of the country.

Bangladesh minister ends visit

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Awqaf in Bangladesh, Maulana Manan, has concluded a visit to Jordan and left for home.

During the visit, he met with Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat, minister of Awqaf and Islamic affairs, to discuss issues of common interest, and means of promoting bilateral cooperation in cultural and Islamic affairs.

Governor puts lid on taxis

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin announced Sunday that no more licences will be issued for opening taxi offices in the Greater Amman region, and no permits will be given for increasing the number of taxis operating within the Amman Governorate.

Approximately 4,746 taxis now operate in Amman and its surrounding areas.

In addition to wasting fuel, the taxis are in constant need of spare parts and maintenance, he added.

Group reviews new fund to develop rural areas

AMMAN (Petra) — Under the chairmanship of Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan, a meeting was held Sunday to discuss steps to carry out the newly-established Regional Development Fund (RDF).

The RDF was established earlier this year to help implement the Jordanian 1986-1990 five-year national development plan.

According to Mr. Mohammad Saleh Al-Hourani, director general of the Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) which created the fund, those attending the meeting were members of a special committee entrusted by

ments to reduce the number of taxis within the Amman region in an effort to save energy and ease traffic congestion.

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\$10m PETRA project assists private sector development

AMMAN (J.T.) — "PETRA", named for Jordan's renowned archaeological site, is the acronym of the \$10 million "Private Enterprises Technical Resources Assistance" project. The programme, established in 1986 by the Ministry of Planning and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), provides direct assistance to Jordan's private sector to strengthen and broaden its participation in Jordan's economy, to improve the competitiveness of Jordanian products, and to create new job opportunities, according to a USIS press release.

PETRA is seeking proposals which promote exports, improve the quality of existing products, increase the technical and managerial capacities of Jordanian private sector firms, promote consumer awareness, develop new services, and increase the interaction between the government and the private sector in shaping economic and regulatory policy.

PETRA funds may be used for a wide range of activities including feasibility studies, technical assistance, seminars, and specialized training.

Some commodity procurement may be eligible for PETRA funding if its availability is crucial to the success of a larger activity.

Projects which will benefit national, regional, or industry-wide goals are given preference over projects which aid individual firms.

Projects already funded by PETRA include a small-scale, low-technology talapia fish farm in south Azraq, aiding the administrative development of a rug weaving project in Jabal Beni Hamida, and an urban planning effort in Salt to stimulate economic activity in the old town area while seeking to preserve the historic character of the city.

Business groups, non-profit organizations, privately-owned firms, and individual entrepreneurs are encouraged to submit proposals for PETRA funds.

PETRA grants are awarded on a cost-sharing basis with private sector participants.

The PETRA secretariat, composed of senior representatives from the public and private sectors, evaluates incoming proposals.

In Jordan the latter is not prominent, yet the other two, especially the diarrhea diseases, are a problem," he noted.

The infant mortality rate in Jordan has been put at 45 to 50 deaths to every 1,000 live births.

"This compares relatively well with North Africa and other countries in the Middle East which average 80 to 85 deaths per 1,000 live births. However, Japan and Norway have the lowest infant mortality, 7 per 1,000, and the U.S. rate is 12 per 1,000," said Mr. Reid.

He added that in Jordan, "we hope to see infant mortality go down to 30 or 35 deaths per 1,000 live births comparable to Greece or Yugoslavia."

UNICEF estimates that diarrhoeal diseases take the lives of 3,000 children yearly. Worldwide four million children die from dehydration each year.

Arrangements for the pilgrims normally include accommodations and transportation to and from Saudi Arabia.

The ministry has already announced that a number of companies have been requested to transport the pilgrims. The ministry normally dispatches health missions and guides with the Jordanian pilgrims to provide assistance.

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An eye-opener for UNICEF

SHOCKING, revolting and disgusting. This is the only way to describe the news from Brussels that the UNICEF office in Belgium was involved in an international child pornography ring. The case, beyond its immediate ramifications, should serve as an eye-opener for the world organisation which was founded with the motto of offering care and protection to the world's children.

On our part, we can only hope that the Belgian affair was an isolated one. However, the paramount question remains that of whether the circumstances in Brussels had been similar to elsewhere in the Third World as to encourage and permit such crimes to be committed against our future generations.

On the surface, it would appear that they are not, since very few needy children of the Third World would make good appearances in photos or pictures similar to those involved in the Brussels case for the simple reason that most of them are undernourished and therefore unattractive to those perverts who enjoy child pornography. By the same token, it will also be evident that those children in the Third World are more in need of care and protection than their counterparts in the rich countries of Europe.

It is high time for UNICEF to reassess its priorities and evaluate its allocations and wisdom of maintaining expensive but almost non-functional offices and staff in Europe, where the number of needy children is almost negligible, thanks to already implemented programmes of UNICEF and government schemes as well as the high standards of living in developed countries.

Though we do not have precise figures, it seems a safe bet that only a tiny fraction of a UNICEF dollar spent in Europe ever reaches a European child because of the high administrative costs involved in that part of the world and whatever is channelled to the child is spent on superficialities most of the time.

On the other hand, the same tiny fraction of a dollar spent on a needy child in a Third World country could be the life-saver for the child. We are not necessarily advocating a total shutdown of UNICEF operations in Europe or that it should itself to serving the Third World, but the involvement of UNICEF officials in Belgium in a child pornography ring has only highlighted the facts on the ground and brought to the surface the obvious imbalance in the world organisation's distribution of resources and funds. We believe that the organisation should re-examine its allocations and priorities and do away with redundant operations wherever they exist, and thereby focus attention where it is most wanted.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Shamir enforces the message

THE Arabs do not need further Israeli statements in order to understand the real intentions of the Zionist leaders nor do they require more explanation of the current Israeli expansionist plans in the occupied territory. Yitzhak Shamir's statements on the Gaza Strip and his announcement that it will remain an Israeli land do not bring a novelty to the Arabs nor do they reveal a new trend in Israel's racist thinking. Shamir continues to reject the idea of an international Middle East peace conference and insists on direct negotiations with individual Arab states and separate peace treaties with each one of them. By adopting this intransigent stand, Shamir is clearly telling the Arabs and the whole world that Israel does not want a settlement based on justice and does not accept peace that would provide for any Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory. Shamir represents a racist state whose policies are based on arrogance and on the belief in the imposition of hegemony on others through the force of arms, and through subjugation. But the Gaza Strip, like all parts of the occupied Arab territory would not be occupied by force for ever, and therefore Shamir's statement will remain an empty slogan and a dream for the Zionists despite their present occupation of Arab land and despite the injustice that now prevails. History is bound with instances about empires that rose with the sword only to decline and fall in the face of the will of subdued nations that suffered for long from injustices and from tyranny.

Al Dustour: Enlisting Turkey's good office

KING Hussein addressed a banquet in his honour in Ankara expressing Jordan's appreciation for Turkey's efforts to help find an equitable solution to the Middle East problem. He said such endeavour can be carried out at an international conference that should be attended by U.N. Security Council members so that guarantees can be given for the implementation of council resolutions 338 and 342. The King did not fail to note that Turkey has been exerting efforts to end the Gulf conflict and arriving at a peaceful settlement in the Gulf. The King pointed to Turkey's remarkable position within the Middle East and also its strong relations with the Arab countries, qualifying it to play a leading role in ending the Gulf war and help build up a lasting peace based on justice. Both Jordan and Turkey believe in justice and in peace, and this has prompted them to launch close cooperation and maintain consultations on all issues of common interest to Jordan and Turkey and their people. Jordan deeply appreciates Turkey's contributions through the Organisation of Islamic Conference to serve the Islamic nation, and to bring about peace among Islamic countries.

Sawt Al Shabab: Water flows westwards

ONCE again the light is focussed on Israel's attempts to steal Arab water resources for the sake of building settlements on confiscated Arab territory. Latest reports indicate that American companies have drilled artesian wells near the occupied town of Bethlehem and are awaiting Israeli government approval for selling the water to Israeli companies and the war ministry which can use it to build military settlements. The Israelis who occupy Arab land are continuing to exploit Arab water resources for consolidating their hold on Arab territory and perpetuating their occupation. As they do that they deprive the Arab inhabitants of water necessary for their crops, the main source of their sustenance. The Israelis have been exploiting Arab water ever since they started their occupation of Palestine; and their 1982 invasion of Lebanon was designed to occupy the water resources in the north and so strengthen what it calls the security zone around the Jewish state. The water resources within the areas under Israeli occupation in Lebanon are being exploited to feed Israeli settlements and strengthen Israel's economy.

Soviet glasnost: Time for system reforms

By Dr. Waleed Sadi

MUCH limelight, both journalistic and intellectual, has been accorded to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's vision of glasnost which he had launched with vigor and zeal since assuming power. While in actual terms "glasnost" means openness, it could also mean a new Soviet corrective revolution in its figurative sense and historical symbolism. And in the final analysis Gorbachev's glasnost initiative could very well go down in contemporary history as the equivalent, in significance and dimension, to the Lutheran reform movement which had heralded the reformation epoch and the enlightenment age in Europe back in the early sixteenth century.

Although much credit has been awarded to Mikhail Gorbachev for the recent reformist shock waves which have hit the inner political, ideological and economic space of the Soviet, it would be more correct to award credit to the ever-changing circumstances and conditions within the Soviet Union and its people. The environment in the Soviet Union, both political, economic as well as intellectual, has certainly changed considerably over the past few decades and has transformed the Soviet Union, country and people, into a different society which made reformation inevitable. The big surprise in this context does not lie in the fact that Mr. Gorbachev has emerged as the historical instrument and the Soviet catalyst for affecting these far-reaching changes, but rather in the fact that it took so long for the contemporary Soviet messiah to

appear on the Soviet stage and begin the big crusade for transformation and evolution. There is no doubt that the Soviet Union, government and people, was overripe for change. Status quo was a colossal and formidable barrier which necessitated mighty determination and political, doctrinal and intellectual will to pierce through it and let the currents of positive evolution run through it in an orderly and systematic manner.

When the Communist revolution succeeded in assuming power in Russia back in the first quarter of this century, it was estimated by knowledgeable political scientist and learned theoreticians on both sides of the Atlantic that Russia was essentially and deep rootedly a "traditional" society which was no less than fifty years behind the West. To transform a basically traditional country as Russia was at the advent of the Communist revolution into a modern post-historical country was indeed a big order not even a Communist revolution was capable of accomplishing. The fact that the Communist ideology assumed the status and role of "state religion" with no built-in mechanisms for evolutionary changes and periodic reformation made it in the final analysis an obstacle for real and positive evolutionary development rather than an instrument and catalyst for progress.

When the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev finally took the bull

by the horns and boldly told a group of eminent writers in a private meeting last summer that the Soviet Union was ripe for change, his assessment, as courageous as it was, was nevertheless an understatement of the full and complete story of the modern Soviet Union. In fact, the Soviet Union, country and people, was ripe for change for years. Still, General-Secretary Gorbachev has emerged as the great communicator, both domestically and internationally. He is now offering breakthroughs in every field and on every front. He also made it clear recently that he needs the intelligentsia in the Soviet Union to serve as a counter-weight to the existing Soviet conservative bureaucracy. He also made it amply clear to his people that the positive and creative contributions of the Soviet intellectuals must be allowed to take part in shaping the policies and direction of the Soviet Union if that country ever wants to catch up with the West. Perhaps the moral of the Gorbachev message to his country and to the world could be the following proposition: The threshold for tolerating, accepting and even nurturing positive criticism, made in good faith, must be expanded, promoted and protected.

In effect, what Gorbachev has unleashed in his vast country is irreversible and his country would no longer look the same hence forward. The Soviet ship is on a new course which, Gorbachev "coming of age" in the Soviet Union, has chartered.

Hart plans return to political stage

By Michael White

WASHINGTON — Gary Hart has decided to return to public life just six weeks after his dramatic fall — not to revive his presidential aspirations, but to publicise the causes he espouses.

Mr. Hart has given no formal interviews since his alleged affair with a model, Donna Rice, ended his front-runner status for the 1988 presidential campaign. But reports from what remains of the Hart office in Denver, Colorado, and a "business" trip last week to consult image-moulders in Los Angeles, suggest that he is seeking new audiences for his views on economic reform, education, and foreign policy.

Aides claim this as proof of the former Senator's commitment to the public good. Sceptics suggest it is further proof that he was always detached from the mundane realities of political life, as his casual willingness to pose with a blonde on his knee in the Bahamas indicated. "If he thinks there's an audience to pontificate with on the great issues of the day then he's crazier than I thought," one said.

"I think he's deluding himself, but he seems to have done that quite a bit in the past," a staff member working for another Democratic candidate said. "There is a certain ludicrous aspect to Hart going around talking about helping the party when he's never really given a boot about it. He was always an outsider. And some politicians, Republicans as well as Democrats, are terrified of him reminding the voters just how sleazy politics can be."

Some advisers reportedly urged Mr. Hart not to be "so incredibly stupid" so soon after the Donna Rice debacle. Miss Rice has just given a television interview and her former friend Lynn Armandt has been selling photos and her version of what happened. "Gary Hart asked me to marry him," one tabloid headline said, though Miss Rice denies any such talk.

Mr. Hart has been telephoning old backers to apologise in between resuming work at his Denver law firm. He is apparently seeking the right television spot to attempt more measured reconciliation with the public than his "I'm an angry and defiant man" withdrawal speech. That won him a sympathetic note from

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Siberian doctor treats bone ailments with unorthodox method

By Mark J. Pomicansky
The Associated Press

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But thousands of people come every year. Others are willing to wait a decade for the bone-lengthening device, reminiscent of a child's construction set, that Ilizarov started developing more than 30 years ago.

Ilizarov, the son of illiterate peasants, remains a controversial figure in Soviet medical circles and his technique has only recently become known in the West. But his methods are generating great interest among orthopaedic surgeons weary of the complications caused by longstanding techniques used to make bones grow.

"We can make bones grow together without operations," Ilizarov told reporters who visited his clinic recently on a trip organised by the Soviet foreign ministry. Kurgan is a city of 300,000 on the steppe just east of the Ural mountains, and east of Moscow.

"We can regulate growth, we can start growth, we can increase its tempo, slow it down or stop it altogether." Ilizarov claims to have made some deformed and shrunken legs grow as much as 30

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There has not been that much correspondence between physicians in the Western world and physicians in the Soviet Union," said Beatty, contacted in Tennessee. The amount of communication jumped markedly after the explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant in April 1986, Beatty said. Beatty included details of Ilizarov's technique and the device was developed in the chapter on children's orthopaedics in "Campbell's Operative Orthopaedics," a widely used medical text revised last year.

Ilizarov, 66, developed the system of metal pins, rings and rods when he was a young rural doctor, using it for the first time in 1951. Since then his state-supported practice has grown to encompass a 50-million-ruble (\$75-million) clinic in Kurgan.

"Essentially, just as to a child's construction set, you can use the

same parts. You can make up different devices," he said. "But the device is not everything. The most important part ... is the method."

Traditional techniques to lengthen bones shortened by birth or in accidents rely on surgical grafts in the middle of the bone to make it grow. With Ilizarov's technique, the emphasis is on the upper or lower third of the bone. With the patient under anesthesia, Ilizarov surgically divides the bone.

Using a special drill, he cuts through skin and muscle to insert pins, 1.5 millimetres in diameter, at each end. The pins are attached to exterior rings that are connected by rods.

The exterior rings and rods both stabilise the bone and help it grow. As the body naturally generates new bone to fill in the surgically created gap, the rods are lengthened to pull the pins, and thus the two ends of the bone, farther apart. The bone can be lengthened 1.6 centimetres each day with the device, and the method requires a lot of physical therapy to allow the joints and muscles to function as they are growing.

"There is a renewed interest in limb lengthening because we hope the Ilizarov technique will reduce the complication rate," Beatty said. He said Ilizarov is due to visit the United States twice this year to present his methods.

Ilizarov is critical of the normal method of mending badly broken bones with steel pins and immobilising them with casts. The operation is much more difficult, and the amount of metal used inside the body inhibits blood circulation and healing, he said.

Asked about the failure rate of his method, the doctor said he is usually successful and would not give examples or specific figures

on failures. He told of his successes with a slide show and did not present to reporters any patients who had completed treatment.

About 1,500 people work at the clinic, including biologists, physiologists and engineers.

Margarita Goshimova, a 47-year-old Murmansk woman, was nearing the end of four months of treatment for a knee damaged by a tuberculosis infection 35 years ago. The apparatus was to be taken off the day after reporters visited.

She said she knew after 33 years her muscles would be weak and in need of long rehabilitation.

"I had cherished the dream of having this done," she said. "I read a lot about medicine and quite by chance I learned about this place." She wrote to Ilizarov and then waited several years to be admitted.

Ilizarov has won the backing of the Soviet government and wide recognition among citizens, but an uncertain status within the medical community.

His clinic, which can treat 800 in-patients and 200 out-patients at a time, is government-funded and free of charge. There currently are about 70 foreign patients.

His methods are used in clinics throughout the country and he supplies equipment to 60 countries.

Randa Habib's Corner

No more the green city

THE state of the Irbid's streets is really bad. But you wouldn't believe how bad it is unless you go and see for yourself. First of all, most of the trees have been chopped down for roadwork. The city now looks grimmer without its trees; and the roadwork was not even completed.

The whole town looks like a dockyard. You drive down a street and you don't know what awaits you at the first curve.

Many roads are completely blocked by city works with no way to pass through. Of course there are no signs warning the drivers that the road is closed. So you just have to try your luck and if all the streets are not completely blocked, most of them are dug up. Big holes are everywhere, creating terrible dust, and no one seems to be concerned about filling them up.

People don't realise how lucky they are to live in Amman, even in Tlaa Al Ali — where the roads are dreadful — until they visit Irbid. And as it is the general mood in the north to cut trees, the same was done between Thagrat Asfour and Nueimeh for the purpose of a highway. The beautiful trees that used to embellish so much this road are now all cut down.

Was all this really necessary? I wonder. Anyhow, the highway will not be ready for another two years at least. So, let them start planting new trees on the edges as it is unfortunately too late to save the old ones.

Auction shows extremes of wealth, poverty in Egypt

By Kate Dourian
Reuters

French style, that foreigners have dubbed "Louis Farouk" after Egypt's late playboy king and Louis XIV, XV and XVI of France.

"The more gold it is, the happier they are. The more Louis Farouk it is, the more they like it," says Amy Ma'atouk, a painter who herself buys antiques.

Ahmed Aziz refers to Cairo as a "little Paris" because its auctions are modelled after those in France. At Cairo's auctions, bids are announced in Arabic then in French before the gavel comes down.

At one recent event, the Osiris auction hall in central Cairo was crammed with numbered items. Rich and poor Egyptians brushed shoulders in common pursuit of the great bargain.

But, said Ahmed Aziz, a good bid is difficult if the womeo who regularly bid against each other for sport are present.

"I have had some items which sold for more than 100 per cent above their value because these women outbid each other," he said.

Ma'atouk says many of the bejewelled womeeo seen at Cairo auction halls buy for daughters about to be married, in line with local custom that the bride, oot the groom, must provide furnishings and household trappings.

Other treasures also go for sale. A 1929 Ford in mint condition, one of a cluster of vintage cars which survived under the banner for the equivalent of \$8,713 — a fraction of what it would probably have fetched in Europe or the United States.

Cairo auctions usually last three days, with one day set aside for low-price junk sale that enables the auctioneors to sell off a large number of items.

Occasionally, a group of auctioneors with surplus material to sell will rent an abandoned villa and display their wares in its empty rooms.

Recently in a once-fashionable district of Cairo, a gaudy obiect was spotted making its third appearance.

The big stuffed bear with its arms outstretched, apparently as umbrella-hangers, is an item which even Cairo's glibbiest auctioneers had been unable to offload.

Tempting bacteria to eat plastic bags

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Some consumers feel plastic is the root of all evil in modern packaging. Thirty per cent of packaging in the Federal Republic of Germany is based on synthetic materials.

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They burn like candle wax and cost less than would otherwise arise to gas or oil to burn the waste. One manufacturer at Düsseldorf planned to reduce cost of the energy consumption but the time it takes plastic bags to biodegrade on the garbage tip. They take 10 to 15 years to disintegrate as it is, depending on how many varieties of bacteria make the garbage tip

sively and attractively packed and presented.

Yet packaging is more than mere window-dressing. Over half the Third World's food stocks are said to perish because of inadequate packaging (one out of all).

Amid the emphasis on market opportunities there was even limited scope for art, with one exhibitor featuring art on corrugated cardboard.

To symbolise the creativity of his firm, which manufactures corrugated cardboard, he commissioned a cardboard work of art from Wolf Vostell.

Vostell, whose automobile sculpture can be seen on Kurfürstendamm in Berlin, produced an Autobetonbrünnen, or automobile-concrete-spring, made entirely of cardboard — Saarbrücken Zeitung.

Packagers see this as an opportunity and a challenge. Overseas delicacies will need to be expecially and attractively packed and presented.

Tokyo moves to open up the skies

Japan is opening its congested airports to more international carriers and urging increased domestic competition. The shake-up in the clouds is reported by Peter Bruce.

TOKYO — British Caledonian threw a big party in Tokyo recently to celebrate the start of its first, and non-stop, service from London to the Japanese capital. Sir Adam Thomson, Caledonian's chairman, was there and much to the delight and bemusement of his Japanese guests, brought along a haggis, some good scotch, and a pipe and a stool.

But for all the fanfare, Britain's second international airline was toasting a commonplace place to Tokyo. Japan is opening up its congested airports to more and more international carriers and the government has rewritten domestic schedules in an effort to encourage domestic competition.

The policy is working and Japanese officials say the only threat to the liberalisation of the commercial air market is space. The airports are full and new building programmes are being encouraged by local politicians.

Japan Air Lines, which has just opened a new route to Tokyo, is the catalyst for sweeping change at home.

By the end of April 1985, Japan and the U.S. had agreed to open three new routes each way. By the end of that year a government-appointed council for transport policy in Tokyo had called for more competition among Japanese airlines, the privatisation of JAL and the liberalisation of fares.

JAL got only one of the new

come under pressure. JAL created a separate airline to serve Taiwan while it held on to Chinese routes. ANA began to take the limits of "short-range" charters abroad and it was ANA, along with some shippers, that in the early 1980s began to press for permission to open a cargo service, Nippoo Cargo Airlines, brought along a haggis, some good scotch, and a pipe and a stool.

Washington stalled but NCA, as the new operation was called, would prove to be the catalyst for sweeping change at home.

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Officials at the transport ministry admit to problems with JAL,

whose cost structure sets the tone for domestic fares. The government has been trying to encourage airlines to get around its own set fares by offering special deals, but officials say that until JAL rationalises, and gets its own costs down, lower fares across-the-board in Japan will be difficult to approve.

The domestic routes are also being transformed. Since last July, JAL has been operating in competition with ANA and sometimes TDA to five new domestic routes previously closed to it. TDA, once the baby of the trio, is moving up to more domestic trunk routes and, like ANA before it, into international charters.

Soon a special parliamentary session may also finally abolish the Japan Air Lines law which binds the carrier to the state, which still owns 34.5 per cent of it.

Financial Times feature.

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Christie wins men's 200 m race in European Cup finals

PRAGUE (R) — Britain's Linford Christie recorded a sprint double in the European Cup athletics final Sunday when he beat the East European challenge to win the men's 200 metres.

As in Saturday's 100 metres, Christie, who clocked 20.63 seconds, finished ahead of East German Steffen Bringmann, with Andrei Fedorov of the Soviet Union in third place.

On Sunday the Briton showed how effective he had become at 200 metres after failing to reach the final in last year's European Championships in Stuttgart where he won the 100 metres gold.

In more fine sprinting, Silke Gladisch of East Germany got under 22 seconds for the first time in her career in the women's 200 metres. Her time of 21.99 seconds gave the East German women's team their ninth win in 11 events.

East German hurdler Cornelia

A.C. Milan strengthens overall lead in Mundialito

MILAN, Italy (AP) — A.C. Milan strengthened its overall lead to five points out of three matches although it was held to a scoreless draw by crosstown rival Internazionale in the fourth round of the "Mundialito" soccer tournament for clubs Saturday night.

In a previous match European champion Porto of Portugal and Spain's Barcelona played to a 1-1 tie and both moved into third place with three points.

Inter completed its four matches in the five-team, round-robin competition at four points, thus of contention for overall victory.

The winner of a \$100,000 first prize will be decided by the fifth matches Monday night. It will face Barcelona, and

Players generally in favour of Olympic tennis

LONDON (R) — The decision to allow the world's top players to compete in the 1988 Olympic Tennis Tournament has been greeted with a mixture of delight and scepticism by players at Wimbledon this week.

American Tim Mayotte, the championships' 10th seed, expressed unreserved approval of the decision announced by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) last month.

"I'd definitely like to play in the Olympics and I'm excited about going," Mayotte said. "It's important, a novel experience for tennis players."

"When I started playing tennis, there was no hope of being involved in something that large. And it will be interesting to see how prestigious a gold medal in tennis will be."

While many others have expressed similar pleasure this week over the idea of playing in the Seoul Olympics, notes of caution have been sounded.

Mats Wilander of Sweden, the third seed, said: "I would like to

McKean was almost unknown when he won the 800 metres at the last European Cup in Moscow two years ago but confirmed he had arrived with a silver medal behind Sebastian Coe in a British medals sweep at last year's European Championships.

Oschkenat inflicted a rare defeat over European champion and world record holder Yordanka Donkova of Bulgaria.

Oschkenat clocked 12.47

seconds in the 100 metres bur-

dles, beating the Bulgarian by 0.06 seconds.

There were two further British

wins in the women's 1,500 metres

and the men's 800 metres. Kirsty Wade put in a blistering burst off the final bend to beat Saturday's

800 metres winner Tatyana Samolenko of the Soviet Union.

In the men's 800 metres Tom

McKean moved up on leader

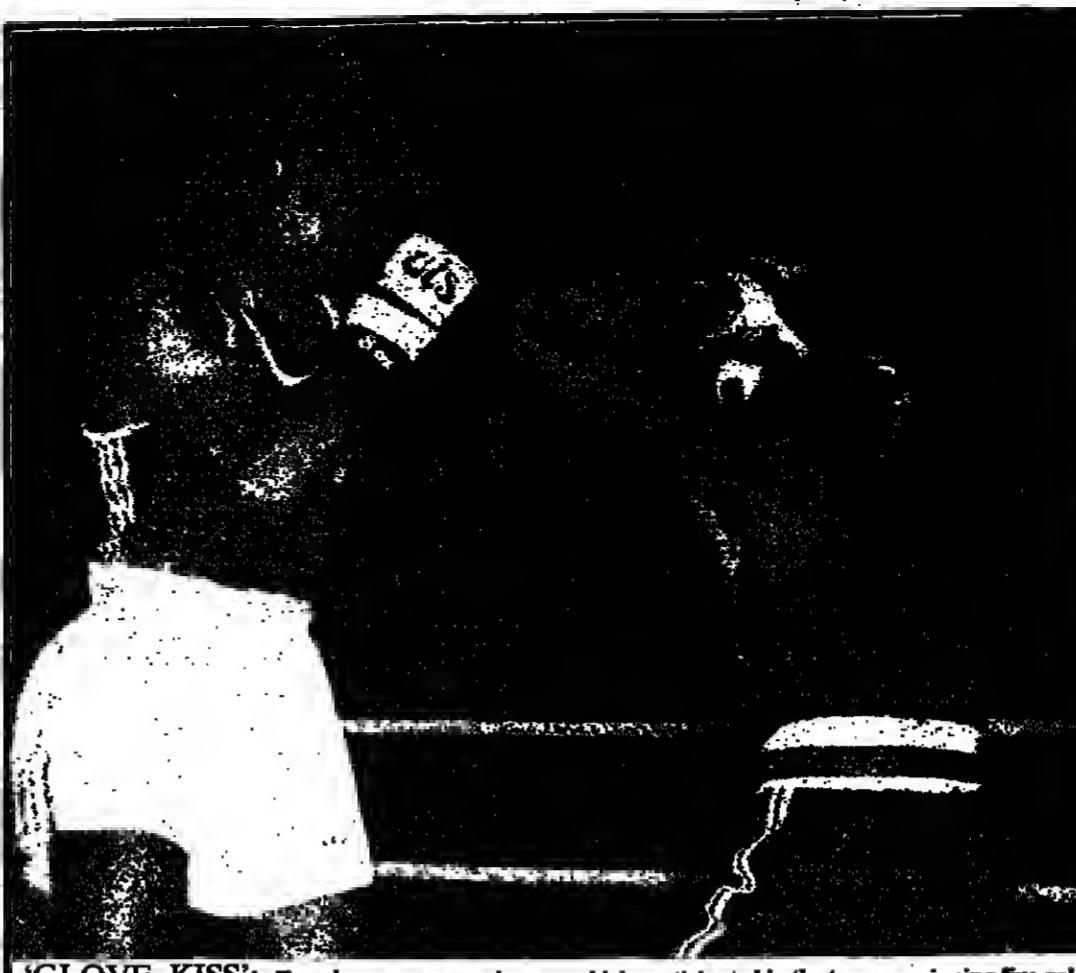
Donato Sabio's shoulder out of

the last bend and put in a final

sprint the Italian could not match

to win in one minute 45.96

seconds.



'GLOVE KISS': Two boxers engage in a fight Sunday at the end of the 4th Arab Boxing Championships. Iraq led the nine Arab nations, which participated in the tourney, winning five gold medals. Tunisia came second and Syria ranked third (Photo by Yousef Al 'Alan)

Graf prefers centre court to centre ref

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

Saying she prefers centre court to the centerfold, West German teen-ager Steffi Graf has rejected an offer to pose nude for a magazine pictorial.

"I really laughed about it. I was

really surprised that someone could get the idea to even think about it," Graf said Sunday. "It's ridiculous, strange."

Graf, ranked number 2 in the world and the winner of 42 matches in a row, has advanced to the fourth round at Wimbleton. She beat Laura Gildemeister of Peru 6-2, 6-1 in centre court Saturday.

A mass-circulation newspaper in West Germany, Bild, reported that the 18-year-old tennis star had been offered \$270,000 to pose nude for the German-language edition of Penthouse Magazine.



Graf... the bewildered

It quoted Peter Graf, her father, as saying the proposal had given the family a good laugh but was immediately rejected.

Carlo Frey, the magazine's publisher, said the whole world would be interested in the photos.

"She's now 18. She is without doubt Germany's most popular young lady," he said. "Everyone knows what she's like on a tennis court, but no one knows what she's like in private."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

National tennis play offs continue

AMMAN (J.T.) — Top seeded Abdullah Khalil defeated unseeded Ahmad Maher (6-1), (6-4) on Sunday in a play off within the 7th Jordan National Tennis Tournament. The players

standings: Samir Barakat beat Talal Maher (6-4), (6-4). Second seeded Firas Hammadi beat Nabil Mandalfat (6-1), (6-3). Ibrahim Hafid beat Iyad Jalal (6-4), (5-7), (6-2). The women's standings:

Huda Naffa's beat Manal Kharacheen (6-2), (6-2). Rana Najia beat Firday Assad (6-0), (6-2). Hala Tarawneh and Reem Sa'adi qualified for the finals due to the absence of top seeded and 2nd seeded Aifa and Mayyada Abu Jaber respectively.

AI Fuheis, AI Orthodoxy Clubs soar

AMMAN (J.T.) — AI Fuheis First Division Soccer Club came from behind Sunday to trounce Al Baqa's Premier Division Club 3-2 in a play off of the Jordan Soccer Cup. In another match

Sunday Al Orthodoxy (First Division) team defeated Al Qadsieh Club (3-0) by penalty kicks after extra time (1-1) draw. First, Second and Premier Division clubs qualify for the cup.

Germans retain hockey trophy after crash

AMSTELVEEN, Netherlands (R) — West Germany retained their men's champions trophy hockey title on Sunday after world champions Australia lost their final game to the Netherlands 2-1. The West Germans had earlier beaten the Soviet Union 5-2 to move to the top of the tournament table with 12 points after five wins and two draws from their seven matches. The victory meant Australia had to beat the Dutch by at least three goals to snatch the title. But despite the encouragement of a 23rd minute goal from Mark Hager, the Australians succumbed to two second half strikes by the European champions in an exciting game. The Dutch finished second with 11 points, boosting their chances of qualifying for the Olympic Games next year.

'The campers of Venice' fined

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Tourism officials have raised the fine for backpackers in Venice who camp out under the moon shining on the lagoon city. Last summer, fines of 20,000 lire (then \$13) were levied against the mainly young tourists who chose train station steps and narrow alleys of Venice instead of often expensive hotels or crowded pensions. On Saturday, the fines went up to 50,000 lire (\$38) for those caught by police making nighttime rounds. The city's campaign to keep Venice unspoiled by tourists also includes 20,000 (\$15) fines for eating bag lunches in St. Mark's square or strolling around shirtless or in bathing shorts while they drink in the city's artistic treasures. The tourism commissioner in March decided on a limit of 100,000 tourists per day in the city.

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Weekly Financial Report

By Fouad Battah

AMMAN — Last week the U.S. dollar moved higher due to more short covering from the major European and American banks and financial companies. The dollar traded in a very wide range of 0.341-0.348 fils on the Jordanian dinar.

The main reason for this upward movement for the dollar were some moves from dealers that the Venice summit had agreed between the leaders that the U.S. dollar should stabilise at these levels and that any try to take the dollar down will mean some intervention from the central banks to push it back higher.

Charts still indicate that the U.S. dollar could move somehow lower this week so that dealers will try to check the central banks intervention and because the dollar is in an overbought situation.

The expected dollar range for this week is 0.337-0.349 fils. The pound sterling moved higher because of the higher North Sea oil price. The pound traded between 0.545-0.555 fils. The D.M./S.F. moved lower due to the strong dollar.

The D.M. traded between 0.1825-0.1850 fils and the S.F. traded between 0.215-0.222 fils.

The Austrian shilling traded between 0.247-0.252 fils.

The Lebanese lira moved to record lows against the dollar because of the still bad political situation in Lebanon. The lira traded between 420-400 L.L./JD.

The Syrian lira traded between 100-95 S.L./JD, the Kuwaiti dinar traded between 1.200-JD 1.210, the Egyptian pound between 0.165-0.175 fils and the Iraqi dinar between 0.250-0.260.

Metallics which traded lower due to heavy selling from the Russians, broke the support lines to the charts. Gold fell to a low of \$434 on ounce from a high of \$445 an ounce.

Silver fell from a high of \$7.20 to \$6.60 an ounce.

Gold and silver seem to be preparing for an upward move this week because lots of brokers and banks are still short of the metals and this will stimulate them to cover their positions from these levels.

Gold prices in Amman based on the daily bulletin from the Jordan Jewellery Store are as follows:

Gold per gramme 21 carats JD 4.100-4.000
Gold per gramme 18 carats JD 4.000-3.900

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Morning brings a good opportunity to analyze your goals for new angles of attainment. Support from influential persons helps you put your plans into motion.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) An elderly person with a different background can give you good advice. Be ready for a trip to see a friend.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) More work on a plan to cheer up your mate may be needed. Put your business affairs in order, and make needed changes.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A senior partner improves your public image. Revise your promises, but only if necessary.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Enthusiasm in activities aids your success today. An important friend of a friend can give good advice.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Focus on recreation and happiness in your life. Involve your mate in your plans more, and introduce him or her around.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Involve your family in home improvement project. Better communication with your mate will result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Meet with friends to be more productive in business. Handle your communications this evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Organize finances with your family this morning. Cooperation with fellow workers will build efficiency.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Handle correspondence carefully and be appreciative in your answers. New ideas are useful tonight.

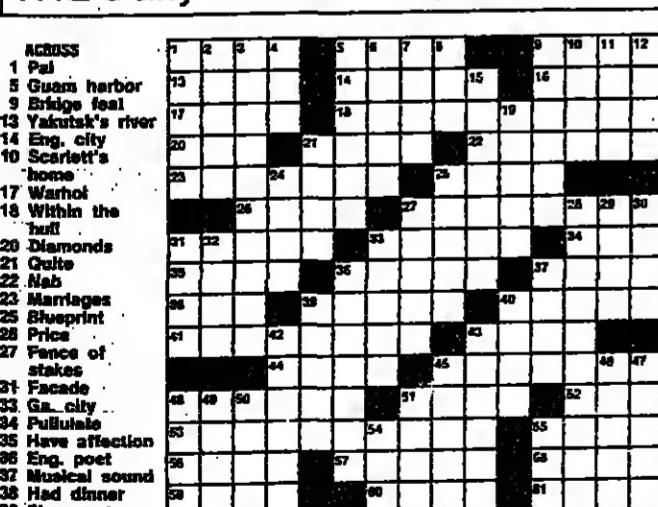
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Modernize your home physically and financially. Invite friends in for dinner, and all will enjoy themselves.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Help get a good friend out of the dumps, and stay near people who interest you. It will pay off today.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A surprise for your family will brighten everyone's mood. Solving practical problems will be easy today.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be very wise for his or her years. The education should be focused toward understanding modern attitudes, so involvements in business and social affairs will be quite natural. Don't try to change this child, be understanding and limit discipline.

THE Daily Crossword



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Aquino retires 2 generals

MANILA (R) — President Corazon Aquino has retired two senior generals in a bid to boost army morale and vowed to bolster the firepower of Philippines forces in their war with leftist rebels.

The Communist New People's Army (NPA), in a statement Sunday, condemned what it called Mrs. Aquino's war-like moves, calling for an end to military abuses, and warned soldiers molesting civilians that "the reach of revolutionary justice is wide and long."

Keeping to her promise not to extend the services of ageing generals, Mrs. Aquino Saturday announced the retirement of Deputy Armed Forces Commander Lieutenant-General Salvador Mison and army chief Major-General Rodolfo Camayo.

Until her announcement, there had been speculation Mrs. Aquino might extend the services of either of the two battle-hardened officers as possible successors to Chief of Staff General Fidel Ramos. Both Gen. Camayo and Gen. Mison had reached the limit of 30 years service.

In their places, Mrs. Aquino appointed the commander of the

18-year Communist insurgency. She said her government was continuing talks with the United States, the Philippines' chief military ally and supplier of arms. "I am assured that every effort will be made to answer our needs," she said.

Mrs. Aquino stressed the need for the military to intensify its training, saying, "if you want peace, prepare for war."

Mrs. Aquino had called for a more vigorous campaign against the rebels after guerrillas in a campaign of urban assassination this year gunned down 22 soldiers and policemen in Manila streets.

Some of Mrs. Aquino's military advisers had sought Gen. Ramos' dismissal, claiming his alleged weak leadership was promoting factionalism in the 150,000-strong military.

Former President Ferdinand Marcos' practice of extending the service of generals loyal to him beyond limits set by law had caused widespread army disension. Unrest eventually led to a civilian-backed revolt that toppled Marcos in February 1986.

Mrs. Aquino has promised to eliminate patronage and favouritism in the army to ensure the rise of deserving officers.

Speaking to air force officers Saturday, Mrs. Aquino said she was aware of "the serious lack of firearms and equipment" needed by the air force to combat the

Pentagon reportedly opposed to SDI deployment

WASHINGTON (R) — Senior military officials and Pentagon scientific advisors have voiced strong opposition to Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger's plan to deploy a limited space-based defence system in the mid-1990s, the Washington Post said Sunday.

Quoting unnamed U.S. officials and congressional sources, the Post said these opponents say Mr. Weinberger's plan will absorb tens of billions of dollars of the Defense Department should spend on other arms and that the system will not be ready on time or provide adequate protection.

Mr. Weinberger and Lieutenant General James A. Abrahamson, director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, are seeking preliminary approval from the Pentagon's defence acquisition board this week for the mid-1990s deployment of the so-called "Star Wars" plan, the Post reported.

Gen. Abrahamson has said deployment will cost \$40 billion to \$60 billion and involve putting hundreds of satellites into orbit with small rockets to try to shoot down missiles shortly after they are launched. He has said deployment could begin in 1994.

The Post says members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have criticised the cost of the deployment plan, which they say will be much higher than Gen. Abrahamson's estimate.

The rebels stole a dozen firearms and equipment during the raid and locked up town policemen in their own jails before escaping.

Reagan's polyps benign

WASHINGTON (R) — Final tests show two small polyps removed from President Reagan's colon are benign, the White House has said.

Romeo Veloso, a relative of Roman Catholic Bishop Blasiano Tidud, one of the victims, said he saw the bodies and found most of them were either badly burned or severely mangled.

"It would be very difficult to identify the bodies, except for a few, perhaps," Veloso told Reuters.

Two or three bodies were wrapped together in each plastic bag when they were brought down from the mountainside crash site and taken to Manila, Veloso said.

"None of the bodies are intact," Santos told reporters. "But we hope all the bodies can be identified before midnight."

The propeller-driven plane rammed into Mount Pugo on northern Luzon Island on Friday.

PAL said the plane appeared to have lost its way in monsoon rains.

Santos said two Filipinos who had been identified, a man and woman, whose relatives recognised their jewellery.

Relatives start identifying bodies from Filipino crash

MANILA (R) — Grieving relatives Sunday began the grisly task of identifying the charred and mangled remains of their loved ones from a Philippine Air Lines (PAL) crash that killed all 50 people on board.

The victims' kin and PAL officials said they were finding it difficult to identify the bodies because most of them were either badly burned or cut to pieces after the plane slammed into a northern Philippine mountainside.

The bodies were brought to an undertaker in an eastern Manila suburb after being flown from the crash site Saturday night.

PAL spokesman Enrique Santos said the airline was investigating the cause of the crash, which occurred after the plane ran into heavy fog on its way from Manila to the mountain city of Baguio.

Santos said the airline had found no evidence to support earlier reports that the aircraft exploded before smashing into the mountain.

"There is no evidence that an explosion occurred before the impact," he said.

Thirteen bodies have so far been identified, including those of three U.S. citizens, two Indians, and eight Filipinos, according to a list released by airline officials.

The list said the two Indians

Vienna wing of Austrian Socialists calls for Waldheim's resignation

VIENNA (R) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim received a serious political blow when the powerful Vienna section of the dominant Socialist Party (SPOE) called for his resignation Sunday night.

Dr. Waldheim, 68, has been accused by critics of covering up his role with the German army in World War II and the Vienna regional congress of the SPOE voted to demand that he give up the office to which he was elected a year ago.

Delegates approved the resolution over objections from the leadership of the SPOE, which rules in coalition with the Conservative People's Party (OEPV).

A day earlier Dr. Waldheim returned from an audience with the Pope in the Vatican, which his supporters hoped would end his international isolation since he became head of state.

Josef Hindels, president of the Federation of Socialist Freedom Fighters proposed the motion, which said: A president who camouflaged his biography and who speaks of having done his

Carter arrives in Peking amid human rights row

PEKING (R) — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter arrived in Peking from Lhasa Sunday as China accused some American congressmen of trying to foment revolt in China with allegations of human rights abuses in Tibet.

China's official news agency Saturday cited Mr. Carter in defense of Peking's rule of Tibet, after a Congress report described religious and political persecution and the deaths of one million Tibetans due to famine and instability since 1949.

"I never thought of resigning and feel myself much stronger now," Dr. Waldheim said. "I have a mission to fulfill."

The small Greens Party, which has eight MPs, is the only parliamentary group that has called on him to resign.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky and other Socialist leaders, as well as the OEPV which supports Dr. Waldheim, have underlined the need to accept the democratic election of the president, who received more than 53 per cent of the national vote last June.

Mr. Vranitzky, SPOE Chairman Fred Sinowatz and Vienna's SPOE leader Leopold Gratz, who is the speaker of parliament, voted against the resolution which was carried by 268 votes to 217.

U.K. Jumbo Jet reports UFO over Soviet Union

LONDON (AP) — A British Airways jetliner made a mid-course diversion over the Soviet Union to avoid what the crew reported as an unidentified flying object (UFO), an airline spokesman has said.

The incident occurred in April, but first came to light in a front-page article Saturday in the Times of London.

Airline spokesman Alan Solloway confirmed that the crew of British Airways flight 009 reported seeing a UFO over the Soviet Union on April 22 while flying from London to Bangkok, Thailand.

He said it was the first such case in the airline's history.

"We have had crews report seeing space debris burning, but we can't recall a UFO being sighted and being logged as a UFO," Solloway said.

The Times said all five crew members — "seasoned, sceptical professionals" — watched fascinated, but utterly bewildered as an object displaying twinkling lights flew directly toward them and then vanished at high speed over the Kazakhstan horizon.

"We were changing over duties on the flight deck. All five of us were together," the newspaper quoted a crew member, First Officer Anthony Colin, 42, as saying.

"Suddenly, we saw what appeared to be another aircraft away to our right. It was displaying two white lights just like an aircraft would," he was quoted as saying.

Solloway said he did not know how many passengers were aboard the Boeing 747 jetliner, but said it could carry 370.

"We watched it carefully and

Colombo claims capture of main Tamil rebel post

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Government troops on Sunday overran the main Tamil guerrilla base in eastern Sri Lanka, killing seven rebels and capturing a large amount of arms, the government said.

Troops captured the rebel base near Muttur, 15 kilometres south of the port city of Trincomalee, in an attack that began at dawn, said government spokesman Tilak Ratnayake.

He said government troops suffered no casualties in the attack on the Tamil base.

There was no independent confirmation of the army raid since

telephone communications are cut to Trincomalee, the region's main town, and reporter's access to the region is limited by the government.

Mr. Ratnayake said a Tamil militant leader identified only as Gajendran was among those killed. The attacking troops believe many Tamils were injured as they fled into the jungle, he said.

The spokesman also noted that about 10 days ago the government captured a coastal base used as a port by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. The coastal base was at the village of Sudarikadu, a few kilometres north of Muttur.

Rust flight organised as provocation, Soviets say

MOSCOW (R) — The flight of a teenage West German pilot to Moscow last month was organised as an anti-Soviet provocation, an official newspaper said Sunday.

Komsomolskaya Pravda said the flight of 19-year-old Matthias Rust almost to the door of the Kremlin last May 28 had far-reaching aims at a time when some circles in the West were attempting to undermine Soviet disarmament proposals.

"What were his (Rust's) organisers counting on? Judging by

Catholics, Protestants join protests in Haiti

PONT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's Roman Catholic Church and a Protestant School Federation on Saturday joined a growing protest against a government decision to take over the election process.

Port-An-Prince Archbishop Francois Ligonde, who signed the statement along with other bishops, said Haiti's new constitution gave the nine-member Provisional Electoral Council

"The exclusive right" to organise upcoming elections in an attempt to return Haiti to democracy.

The school federation, representing 270,000 students and more than 5,000 teachers at 51 schools, said the governing national council did not have "the right to violate the constitution."

The people voted for the constitution in mass, and now the government has torn it up and thrown it in the garbage."

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Beirut Radio sound engineers faint

BEIRUT (R) — It was the final straw for the broadcasters at Beirut Radio, who have reported 12 years of battles, invasions and bombings with admirable calm. "Just for your information, my colleague and I might faint while reading the news," a broadcaster warned Sunday. She stayed conscious but told listeners that two sound engineers had collapsed after temperatures in the studio soared over 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The broadcaster called on Information Ministry officials in mainly Muslim west Beirut to visit the adjoining state-owned radio studios to feel it for themselves. "Our morning news bulletin will be very short today... It is not possible for anybody to remain alive inside the locked studios, which are like a sauna, without air conditioning or ventilation," she added. Employees say the ventilation system has been malfunctioning for nearly a year despite frequent complaints.

Oman has TV sets in 93% of homes

MUSCAT (R) — Oman has television in 93 per cent of homes, according to a national survey. The survey, reported in the daily Observer, also showed that 70 per cent of Omanis watch television seven days a week. The survey was conducted as part of government moves to bring advertising to the broadcasting media. Trial advertising has already been appearing on Oman's government-owned TV channel in the past month and a senior Information Ministry official said: "The initial response has been excellent."

Experts study Rhodes finds

ATHENS (R) — Greek archaeologists will be studying fragments that may have come from the Colossus of Rhodes statue, one of the ancient wonders of the world, Greek Marine Minister Stavros Alexiadis said. Speaking at a press conference Mr. Alexiadis said the objects will be examined by specialists after they are hauled up from the sea. The search for the colossus remains was sparked by Dutch-born clairvoyant Ann Dankbaar, now living in Australia, who led divers to where the items were found. A colossus was a 31 metre high, metallic statue representing the sun and was placed at the entrance to the island's harbour in 280 B.C. It was toppled by an earthquake in 225 B.C.

Body found on roof of clinic

ROME (AP) — The body of an elderly woman patient who disappeared three months ago was found on the rooftop terrace of the clinic where she was being treated, officials said. Officials said Lucia Martini Annata, 79, disappeared on March 28 from her room at Rome's Istito Clinico, where she had been treated for about 10 days for heart problems. Clinic Health Director Antonio Regio said the nurse on duty reported the woman missing after she failed to return to her room after going to the bathroom. A search of the clinic and surrounding areas turned up no trace of the patient. On Saturday, however, a janitor discovered the woman's decomposed body in a narrow terrace passageway on the roof of the clinic. Regio said the terrace, at the top of a flight of stairs, is never used and only a few clinic officials know how to get there. Every four or five months, a janitor cleans the terrace, he said. Regio said he did not know how or why the woman climbed up the terrace. He said she may have collapsed from exhaustion or heart trouble after climbing the stairs and was unable to call for help.

2 poems by W.B. Yeats uncovered

LONDON (AP) — Two unpublished poems by William Butler Yeats have been found in a manuscript book that the poet-playwright dedicated to his sweetheart Maud Gonne, the Observer newspaper reported Sunday. The London weekly said the poems were written by Yeats in the summer and fall of 1901, five years after he had taken up writing at age 21. It said handwritten lyrics are inscribed in black ink in a yellow-bound book stamped in gold with the title "The flame of the spirit" and will be auctioned next month by Sotheby's, the London auction house. The book also contains early versions of five other Yeats poems, and is important in showing how he developed his technique, the newspaper said in a front-page article. The book belonged to a descendant of Maud Gonne, the beautiful Irish nationalist who provided much of the inspiration and subject matter for Yeats' work, it said. Yeats first proposed marriage to her around this period and many more times up to 1916, but she always refused. Inside is the inscription: "To Maud Gonne from W.B. Yeats, Oct. 20, 1891."

Condoms rejected as gifts

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — A local company has said its offer to fight AIDS by supplying 10,000 free condoms to foreigners attending a Lions Club International meeting was thwarted by the government. Taiwan Fuji Latex Co. had said it would provide the condoms if the government would pass them out to Lions Club members as they arrived at the airport, a company spokesman said. But National Health Administration official Chuang Chia-Hua said that while the condom offer was a good idea it was "not proper to single out Lions members as gift receivers." The Lions four-day annual conference begins July 1 with about 30,000 participants expected from about 100 countries. It will be the largest international meeting ever in Taiwan. Although the club had no official comment on the condom offer, one conference organiser who spoke on the condition of anonymity called it an "insult to our members" by implying they "came here for sexual pleasures." Three AIDS cases — two Americans and a Malaysian Chinese — have been reported in Taiwan. Health authorities have warned prostitutes and homosexuals to take necessary precautions and not to have sexual contact with foreigners. Taiwan's prostitutes, including many who are licensed by the authorities, are important for the island's tourist industry. AIDS, or acquired immune deficiency syndrome, attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers.

Preacher repeats remarks on Jews, Jesus

DALLAS (AP) — A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention has publicly reiterated his belief that Jews can't find salvation without Jesus, renewing a controversy that first erupted seven years ago. "I'm not against the Jewish people," the Rev. Bailey Smith told 2,000 Southern Baptist Evangelicals last weekend in St. Louis. "But unless they repent and get born again, they don't have a prayer." Jewish leaders responded with dismay to Smith's comments, which echoed his 1980 statement that "God doesn't hear the prayers of a Jew." The latest comments, made June 17, were reported in Friday's Dallas Times Herald, which obtained a taped transcript.

More terra cotta warriors discovered

PEKING (AP) — Archaeologists have unearthed a new group of ancient terra cotta statues in the eastern province of Henan, the official Xinhua News Agency has reported. The 1,700 figures were found in Hebei's Hounanzhang village in Cizhou county. They were discovered in a tomb about 1,400 years old belonging to an emperor of the northern Qi Dynasty (550-577). Most of the figures, which include warriors, horsemen, horses, musicians and dancers, are about 33-34 centimetres tall, with the tallest 100 centimetres, the report said. Thousands of terracotta warriors and horses have previously been discovered at two sites — the tomb of China's first emperor, Qinshihuang, in Xian, Shaanxi province, and a tomb in Xuzhou, Jiangsu province. The workers in Xian, which are life-sized, have become one of China's most popular tourist attractions.

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Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♦AK103 ♦Q83 063 ♦K72 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 	